

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10-13 and 17, 18, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over Stapelton *et al.* (US 5,922,604) in view of Kath *et al.* (US 5,882,601).

Applicants note that claim 11 had been canceled in the Office Action filed on March 1, 2006, and thus was not pending at the time of the most recent Office Action.

Claims 1,3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Applicants do not acquiesce to the rejection and reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the subject matter of the canceled Claims. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the subject matter of the canceled Claims.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 19-22 have been found allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments canceling all claims rejected in the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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